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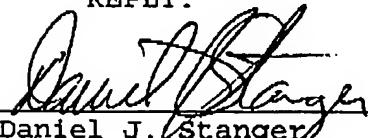
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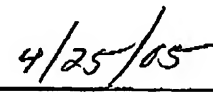
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Serial No.: 10/073,312

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Filed: February 13, 2002

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For: DESIGN METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUITS
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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CIRCUITS (AS AMENDED)

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Sir:

In reply to the final rejection mailed August 25, 2004,
and further to the Notice of Appeal filed February 25, 2005,
please amend the above-identified application as follows.